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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PINS

SUBJ: TERRORIST ATTACK IN KUALA LUMPUR

- 1. WE ARE AT AIRPORT. GHAZALI SHAFIE PRESSING JAPANESE TO PERMIT PLANE TO TAKE OFF WITHOUT DESTINATION. JAPANESE REFUSING, CITING PROBLEMS WITH JAL. JAPANESE HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN BY ALL COUNTRIES TO WHICH THEY HAVE MADE REQUESTS. THEY OPENLY (AND UNREALISTICALLY) ANGRY BECAUSE USG NOT HELPING THEM FIND RECIPIENT COUNTRY. I AM KEEPING QUIET WHILE GHAZALI, WHO PUTTING ON VIRTUOSO PERFORMANCE, THROWS OCCASIONAL NEEDLE: "U.S. NOT PREPARED TO TALK."
- 2. OBVIOUSLY GHAZALI'S TACTIC IS TO GET PLANE IN AIR, THEN WORRY ABOUT WHERE IT COMES DOWN. IT IS LIKELY THAT AT THAT POINT HE WILL TURN TO US FOR COMMUNICATIONS HELP (I AM DOING NOTHING TO GENERATE REQUEST). GHAZALI'S EARS PRICKED UP WHEN JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SAID THEY HAD RECEIVED NEGATIVE ANSWER FROM ALGERIA THROUGH U.S.
- 3. GHAZALI NOW TURNING HEAT ON ME. "CAN'T YOU BE HELPFUL? DOESN'T U.S. CARE ABOUT HUMAN LIFE? I AM NOT OFFERING AMERICAN HOSTAGES, BUT AM OFFERING MY OWN PEOPLE."
- 4. I HAVE EXPLAINED THAT USG WILL NOT PRESS ANOTHER GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT TERRORISTS. GHAZALI SAYS GOM VERY DISAPPOINTED AND SECRET

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REQUESTS THAT I REPORT HIS VIEWS TO MY GOVERNMENT.

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